

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

ROBERT VANCLEAVE COLEMAN, M.D.

SURRENDER OF MEDICAL LICENSE

WHEREAS, ROBERT VANCLEAVE COLEMAN, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 20086, issued January 15, 2008, said license number expires on June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, Licensee was previously addressed directly by a former Executive Director of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," pertaining to numerous defects in Licensee's issuance of prescriptions and prescribing irregularities contrary to Board Administrative Code. In October 2013, pursuant to an investigation by the Board of Licensee's prescribing of controlled substances and other addiction-forming drugs, Licensee was visited at his current practice location, selected patient records were reviewed with Licensee in demonstration of such defects and non-compliance with Board and Federal regulations, with direct explanation of why certain defects interfered with his provision of appropriate medical care by impeding his recognition of potential "doctor-shopper" patients. Licensee was warned regarding his concurrent prescribing of opiate-benzodiazepine and stimulant-benzodiazepine therapies, his failure to recognize patients concurrently acquiring prescriptions from other prescribers or patients utilizing multiple pharmacies to avoid pharmacists' recognition of therapeutic duplication, and the amount of travel by some of his patients and their bypassing other possible treatment providers. After his review of the

investigative findings, and in lieu of disciplinary action, the Executive Director of the Board recommended Licensee attend a prescribing course. Licensee complied with the recommendation and attended a Board-approved Professional Boundaries, Inc., prescribing course, "Opioids, Pain Management and Addiction", in November 2013. A post-course review of prescriptions dispensed by pharmacies demonstrated correction of prior defects contained in, or omitted from, his signed orders. During a reinforcing visit by Investigative Staff, Licensee acknowledged prior deficiency in his fund of knowledge, an increased awareness of his responsibility to obtain and consider various inputs during patient assessment and diagnosis, including healthcare providers and pharmacists, use and interpretation of lab testing, selectivity in his acceptance of patients, and patient management through the enforced use of controlled substance contracts with his patients. Licensee assured he would utilize the objectivity instilled by the course, would not allow patients to specify desired medications or revert to lax patient management;

WHEREAS, during 2018-2019, the Investigative Staff of the Board conducted an investigation of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, could substantiate that Licensee has violated provisions of the Board's Administrative Code pertaining to the prescribing of controlled substances and is guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public;

WHEREAS, the above conduct, if established before the Board, constitutes violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (3), (8)(d) and (13) of § 73-25-29, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended, for which the Board may revoke

the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to resolve this matter now pending before the Board, Licensee agrees to voluntarily surrender his medical license (No. 20086) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi, and understands said surrender shall be effective immediately upon execution. Licensee understands this is an unconditional surrender, is reportable to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and other entities, such as the Federation of State Medical Boards, and is a public record of the State of Mississippi.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., §73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **Robert Vancleave Coleman, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this **Surrender of Medical License**.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 20th day of May 2019.



ROBERT VANCLEAVE COLEMAN, M.D.